

REMARKS:

- 1) Referring to item 10) of the Office Action Summary, please indicate the acceptance of the drawings filed on April 8, 2004.
- 2) Referring to item 12) of the Office Action Summary, please acknowledge the foreign priority claim and receipt of the priority document filed herein on April 8, 2004.
- 3) The claims have been amended as follows. Independent claims 1 and 19 have each been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 8 and 9. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled. The dependency of claim 10 has been revised in view of the amendment of claim 1 and cancellation of claim 9. These amendments, merely involving claim combinations, do not introduce any new matter. Entry and consideration of the claim amendments are respectfully requested.
- 4) Referring to sections 1 to 4 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the election of the Group I claims 1 to 19 directed to a system for deployment in space is affirmed. After the present amendment, claims 1 to 7 and 10 to 19 are in the elected group. Non-elected claim 20 depends from claim 19 and is directed to a method-of-using the system according to claim 19. Thus, if claim 19 is ultimately found allowable, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin, consider and allow the dependent method-of-use claim 20 according to MPEP 821.04 and 2116.01.

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- 5) Referring to section 11 on page 8 of the Office Action, the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 9 and 10 is appreciated. The two independent claims 1 and 19 have each been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 9 and intervening claim 8. Thus, independent claims 1 and 19, and dependent claims 2 to 7, 10 to 18 and 20 should now be allowable.
- 6) Referring to sections 5 to 10 on pages 3 to 8 of the Office Action, the rejections of claims 1 to 8 and 11 to 19 as anticipated by or obvious over the identified prior art have been obviated by the present amendment, because independent claims 1 and 19 now incorporate the allowable subject matter of prior non-rejected claim 9. Please withdraw the rejections.
- 7) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 7 and 10 to 20, are respectfully requested.

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